

***** Proposed Language – DRAFT *****

TITLE 19

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

CHAPTER 51

PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

19-5119. Powers of the council -- Standards of training, education and employment of **emergency communications officers**. -- Certification -- Penalties. (1) It shall be the duty of and the council shall have the power:

- (a) To establish the requirements of minimum basic training which **all emergency communications officers** shall complete in order to be eligible for permanent employment as an **emergency communications officer**;
- (b) To establish such basic training and certification so that it can be completed within **eighteen (18) months** of employment as an **emergency communications officer**;
- (c) To establish the requirements of minimum training standards for employment as an **emergency communications officer** in probationary, temporary, part-time and/or emergency situations;
- (d) To certify **emergency communications officers** as having completed all requirements established by the council in order to be eligible for permanent employment as an **emergency communications officer**;
- (e) To maintain permanent files and transcripts for all **emergency communications officers** certified by the council, only to include courses or advance courses of instruction successfully completed by such **emergency communications officers and specifically required to obtain and maintain public safety telecommunicator certification** while employed in this state. Such information shall be made available to any employer, upon the receipt of a signed waiver to release such files and transcripts by the Council, from the emergency communications officer. (2) Any **emergency communications officer** employed after July 1, **2016**, shall be trained and certified within **eighteen (18) months** of employment. Current **emergency communications officers**, who were employed after July 1, **2011**, shall comply with the training and certification provisions of this section by **January 1, 2018**. Current emergency communications officers, who were employed prior to July 1, 2011, may comply with the training and certification provisions of this section.